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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7044

INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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SUBJ: PROPOSED JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IOGA

TRADE MISSION

REF: STATE 23938; POS 1394

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED IOGA TRADE MISSION FROM JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BUT FEELS THEY SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT JANUARY IS NOT A PARTICULARLY GOOD SALES TIME IN TRINIDAD BECAUSE IT FALLS DURING THE HECTIC CHRISTMAS-TO-CARNIVAL PERIOD OF LOCAL FESTIVITIES. A MUCH BETTER TIME (AT LEAST FOR TRINIDAD) WOULD BE MID-MARCH OR LATER.

2. AS POINTED OUT IN POS 1394, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PARTICIPANTS IN MISSION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ON THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT'S "NEGATIVE LIST", AND THAT THEIR IMPORTATION IS PERMITTED ONLY BY LICENSES WHICH ARE GRANTED ONLY UNDER VERY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: CARDBOARD CONTAINERS AND OTHER CONTAINERS MADE OF PAPER OR CARDBOARD; ALL PAINTS (SPECIALIZED TYPES, HOWEVER, WHICH ARE NOT MANUFACTURED LOCALLY MIGHT RECEIVE THE SPECIAL LICENSES).

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ADVANCE TEAM NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE IN TRINIDAD PRIOR TO DECEMBER 9, IN ORDER NOT TO CONFLICT WITH PUERTO RICAN TRADE MISSION DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-6. FURTHERMORE, EMBASSY'S SOLE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL
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BE AWAY FROM POST UNTIL DEC 6 AND ADVANCE TEAMS VISIT WILL BE FAR MORE FRUITFUL IF ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER CAN BE PRESENT

TO ASSIST.

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